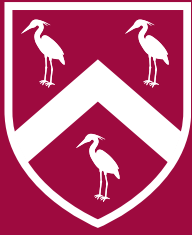


**FAIRFIELD**  
**Prep School**





# A new chapter for your child

At Fairfield Prep School, we are committed to the development of every pupil; our priority is to ensure that your child enjoys and benefits from their time here. That means a friendly and supportive community and endless exciting experiences, all backed by our high academic standards.

Every pupil at Fairfield has many opportunities to thrive and to find a passion for things that matter to them. Therefore, success and achievement are both found through our inspiring and lively academic environment, as well as numerous extra-curricular activities which take place outside the classroom.

I am really proud of the fact that Fairfield was judged 'Excellent' across all eight categories by the Independent Schools Inspectorate in 2021. I am deeply appreciative of the way in which everyone at Fairfield works together to create positive experiences for each and every child. I am continually impressed by how the children achieve at the very highest level and thoroughly enjoy everything that the School has to offer. It is a huge privilege as Headmaster to see our pupils move onto the next stage of their educational journey within the Foundation as happy, confident and well-rounded individuals, ready to face the wealth of challenges ahead.

I know that choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions that parents can make. Both my sons have been to Fairfield and I would be delighted to have the opportunity to take you on a school tour and explain the difference this wonderful place has made to them.



**Andrew Earnshaw**, Headmaster



# Excellent academic standards

Our School enjoys an enviable academic reputation locally and nationally, with intellectual excellence celebrated both inside and outside the classroom. Pupils naturally enjoy celebrating others' successes.

We aim to ignite the spark that inspires continued learning outside the classroom.

Our enthusiastic teaching staff encourage pupils to think about topics more widely to broaden their horizons and become independent in their learning. This is indeed an asset that lasts a lifetime.

After receiving a high quality, stimulating and varied education, children leave Fairfield at the end of Year 6 as happy, confident and self-reliant learners; fully prepared for the challenges of secondary education.

Pupils of all ages exemplify excellent attitudes to learning. Pupils are mature and disciplined learners who take great pride in their work and are keen to improve.

Independent Schools Inspectorate, 2021









# Excellent ways of understanding

This is a caring School, where children are nurtured and great care is taken to ensure that every child quickly settles into school life.





Our pastoral care is excellent, we treat all of our children as individuals and strive to meet their needs accordingly.

The child's Form Tutor, supported by the Heads of Year, is central to this care and all the staff work hard to bring out the best in each and every child.

Your child will benefit from effective, sensitive and well-coordinated pastoral care that enables academic achievement with individual care and focus, alongside an excellent holistic foundation for future learning.



In accordance with the Schools' aims, pupils relate to each other extremely well and are most caring towards one another.

Independent Schools Inspectorate, 2021









A new parent after three weeks in the School described both her and her boy's experience as 'fabulous'. According to another, 'children really enjoy it,' whilst a third remarked that the 'teachers are great,' citing the fact that if a child experiences personal problems then 'the pastoral care is excellent'.

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# Excellent experiences and opportunities

Extra-curricular activities are integral to pupil learning here at Fairfield. They contribute to the fulfilling experiences that your child will enjoy with us.







## From Kindergarten to Year 6, the opportunities are vast and varied.

There are over 40 clubs and activities available at lunchtime and after school encompassing Sport, Music, Dance, Drama and Art. From Origami to Music Theory, these include a Running Club, Rainbows and Dance. Most importantly, we aim to give your child the confidence to participate and enjoy success whatever their interests.

There is also a busy schedule of school trips, including residential trips from Year 2 onwards. The programme features educational visits relevant for topic work, our highly anticipated outdoor adventure, and our ever-popular Year 6 ski trip.

Meanwhile, charity and community work also plays a crucial part in our School ethos. Our School Council decide upon the charity focus for each term and fundraise for a rota of local, national, overseas and animal focused causes.





# Excellent friendships

Our inclusive culture of friendship and kindness is really important to us.

Indeed, many visitors comment on the warm and friendly atmosphere. We all value each other and believe that close friendships and teamwork are vital.

The entire School regularly comes together during assemblies and events, and we place a great emphasis on the virtues of being considerate and taking care of one another.







Fairfield staff have all played a significant part in making our daughter the happy, confident and well-mannered girl she is today and they are the foundations on which she will grow into the young lady that we will be proud of.

Parent













# Excellent facilities and coaching

Our ambition in Sport is to provide a positive experience, a sense of belonging and a feeling of togetherness for all children.





We are lucky to have access to some wonderful facilities and coaches, including Loughborough University students, international athletes, and outstanding educators.

This mix of experience coupled with a passion to provide positive experiences provides a great start in Sport for our children.

All Fairfield pupils are given the opportunity to represent their School and regular competition, be it Class, House or Inter-school, provides memories that can last a lifetime. We not only strive to develop your son or daughter's sporting skills but also their character and ability to have a positive impact on the people around them.

Pupils understand the need to have physical exercise and they actively and enthusiastically participate in the wide range of sports and physical extra-curricular activities available.

Independent Schools Inspectorate, 2021





## Music is at the heart of Fairfield life

Pupils enjoy their lively classroom lessons and through singing games and rhymes, they learn musical skills and concepts to create their own music.

In addition to the class music lessons, we operate a Year 2 Strings Scheme and a Year 4 Brass Scheme. All Year 2 children receive Colourstrings tuition on either violin or cello; all Year 4 children receive Kodaly-based tuition on either trumpet or trombone.

There are also many opportunities to take instrumental lessons or to join one of the many musical ensembles within our Foundation-wide Music department.

Musical appreciation and performance play a central role to the life of the children at school. For example, a whole school Sound Bites concert showcased confident, sensitive recitals on a variety of musical instruments.

Independent Schools Inspectorate, 2021









## Excellent performance

We believe that Drama enables children to build on skills and experiences learned in the classroom.

There are opportunities for all our pupils in Year 3 to 6, to participate in extra-curricular Drama.

The club allows children to develop self-confidence through team-building activities and improvisation games in a secure and supportive environment.

During their time at Fairfield, all pupils will have the opportunity to participate in some of the many excellent Drama productions.











# Excellent teamwork

Everyone at Fairfield feels part of its success. It is this philosophy of togetherness that connects every member of staff with our pupils and their parents. Pupils begin to learn and care about each other within our School community.

The Butterfly Wall is a beautiful art installation in our spectacular atrium which is dedicated to the memory of a sorely-missed teaching colleague.

Each pupil and member of staff contributed to the display by creating their own colourful butterfly. This moving visual tribute says everything about the values that we all share.

You will experience this collective spirit at the many events organised by our active Parent and Teacher Association such as the New Parents' Picnic, Family Bingo Night and the ever popular Christmas Fair.







Both of our boys have loved their time at Fairfield and have many wonderful memories. We always come away from any School event feeling proud of what the boys have achieved and look back on our time at Fairfield, knowing we made the right choice.

Parent





From their very first day, Fairfield aims to develop every pupil's confidence, courtesy and self-worth so that they grow stronger as individuals and as members of our caring community.











# Excellent preparation for life

The Kindergarten Unit at Fairfield is situated within its own safe and secure environment and all children are welcome to join Kindergarten from the date of their third Birthday.





## Free-flow learning

The three warm and inviting classrooms and spacious outdoor zone, encourages free-flow learning which is designed to stimulate curiosity and develop motor skills. There is also a state-of-the-art interactive 'White Room' which uses the latest cinema projection on the floor, walls and ceiling to create a truly engaging, sensory learning experience.

The aim is to nurture the uniqueness of each child and enable them to develop a sense of pride in their own identity and behaviour. All children are encouraged to have a 'Can Do' attitude and to always try their best as they learn about the world around them through exploration and play.





Our Forest School is a half-acre of woodland on our campus, where children can safely explore the outdoor environment and get messy!

Forest School sessions encourage independence skills and raise self-esteem through outdoor education. It also enables the children to develop an appreciation of the natural world.

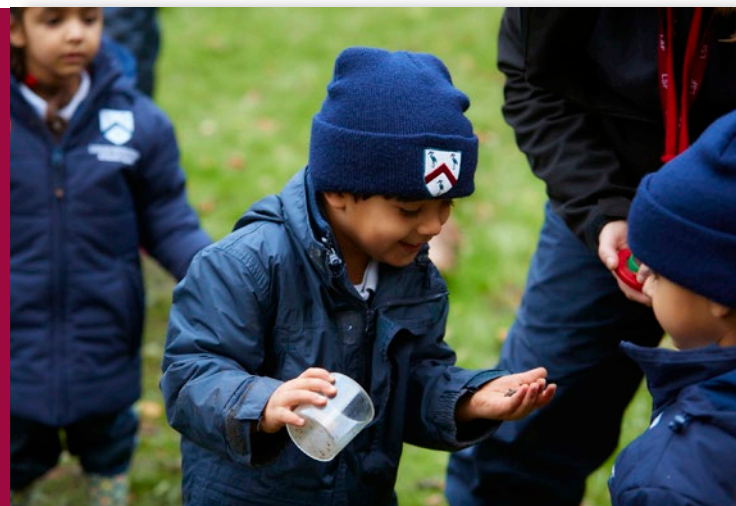
Witness the fantastic Forest School, created in a former wasteland at the edge of the playing fields, where Pre-Prep children can become mini celebrities in their jungle, as they learn to build a fire, cook, create dens and play plenty of hide and seek.

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# Excellent outdoor learning

The philosophy of Forest School is to encourage and inspire pupils of any age through positive hands-on learning in a woodland environment.



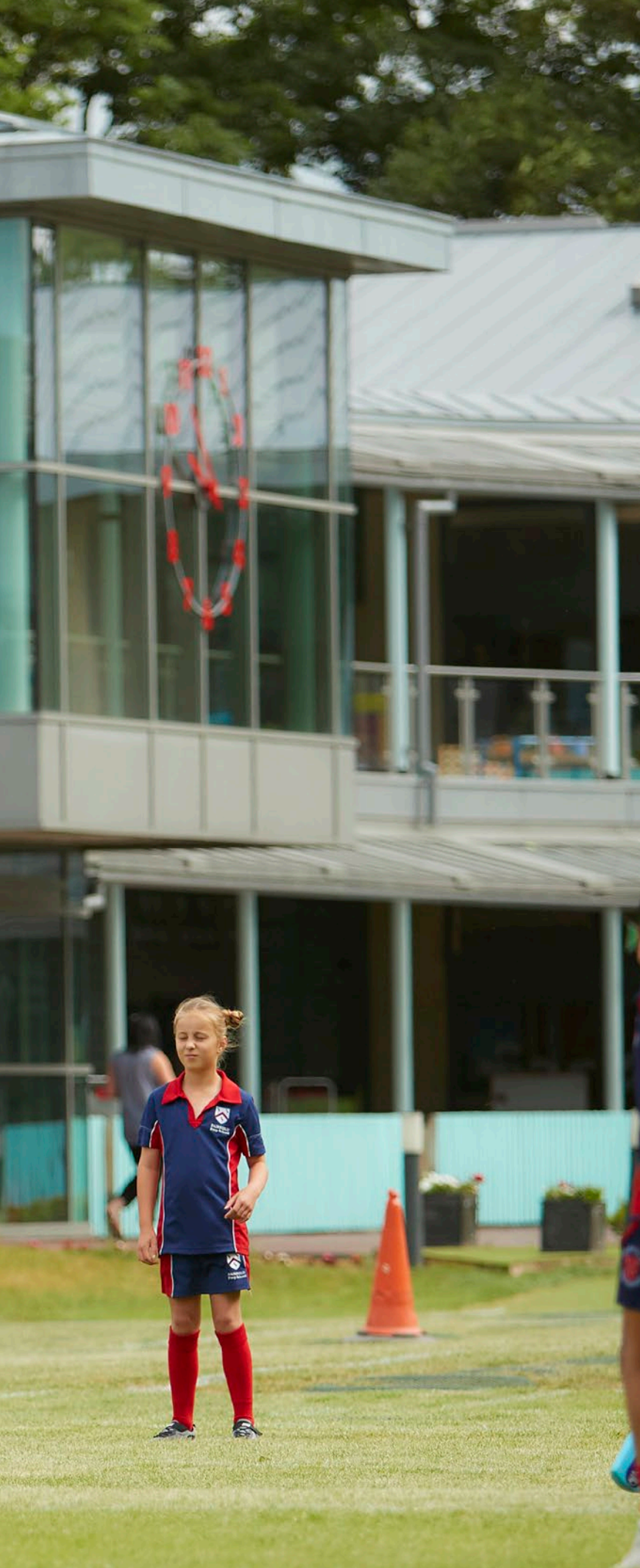




# Excellent spaces and facilities







Alongside new high-tech classrooms that are light and airy with easy access to outdoor space, there is also a large gymnasium, a performance hall, specialist Art room, Food Technology facility and a purpose-built Kindergarten.

The Pre-Prep children have their classrooms based in the new building. However, the intelligent use of the space means that all Fairfield pupils benefit from these fabulous facilities.

Fairfield pupils also benefit from excellent sports facilities including onsite astro pitches, grass sports pitches, netball courts, a swimming pool, cricket nets and tennis courts.















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# Educational journey



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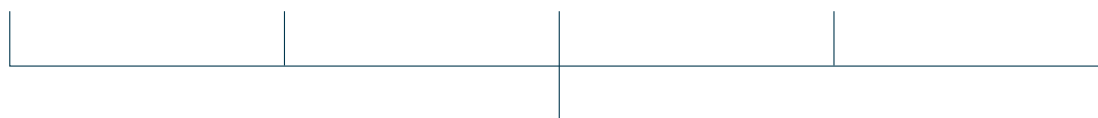
Girls & Boys  
6 weeks - 4 years

Girls & Boys  
3 years - 11 years

Girls & Boys  
4 years - 18 years

Boys  
10 years - 18 years

Girls  
11 years - 18 years



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## About Loughborough Schools Foundation

**The Loughborough Schools Foundation is a charitable Foundation comprising four Independent Schools and a Nursery. Over 600 colleagues are employed in teaching and non-teaching roles.**

The Foundation commits around 5% of its total income for the provision of Foundation bursaries and scholarships at the Senior Schools. Donors of the Schools provide additional financial support through The Burton Bursaries.

An extensive transport system of school bus routes operates for pupils across all parts of the East Midlands including Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

**Campus:** The Schools are based on two neighbouring campuses on the south side of Loughborough – Burton Walks (42 acres) and Gray Street (10 acres). Loughborough Grammar School's playing fields are situated a mile away in Quorn, with 40 acres of sports facilities on a 70 acre site. Significant recent investment has been made in a state-of-the-art science park at Loughborough Grammar School and the dedicated Music department for all Loughborough Schools Foundation pupils. In 2016, Fairfield Prep School opened its very impressive new Pre-Prep building, which includes a Kindergarten for children aged 3+, whilst at the campus at Loughborough Amherst School, Loughborough Nursery is open for children from 6 weeks to 4 years old. In 2019, the Parkin Sports Centre opened and facilities include a sports hall, dance studio and gym.

**Boarding:** Loughborough Schools Foundation has a long and proud tradition of boarding with four Boarding Houses which accommodate a close-knit community of Boarders. Our Boarders enjoy a rich daily life and as a small community within an extensive campus, they are treated as individuals while benefiting from the opportunity to take advantage of the vast resources available on campus. Loughborough Amherst School welcomed a return to boarding in 2019, with pupils joining the School as a cohort of elite Lawn Tennis Association Boarders, who are studying at Amherst, whilst training for the professional tennis circuit at the Loughborough University Tennis Academy.

### Single-Sex & Co-Ed Options at Senior School:

Collectively, Loughborough Schools Foundation is pleased to offer parents across the East Midlands a unique opportunity for those choosing an independent education. From the age of just 6 weeks in our 51 weeks a year Nursery, all the way to exam success at 18, a child and siblings are able to complete their whole educational journey on one beautiful, happy and richly multi-cultural family campus.

We are able to offer a choice of both single-sex and co-educational senior schooling to suit pupil and parental preferences and with four schools sharing a campus, we are able to invest in wonderful facilities that a single school would find hard to match at comparable fee levels. Our curriculum choice, transport network, Music department with 'All-Steinway School' status, STEM teaching, sports provision, co-curricular opportunities, immaculate grounds, joint school activities such as Drama, CCF, Debating and social events are just some examples of this.

**The Loughburian Alumni Association:** All pupils who leave the School are warmly invited to join the Loughburian Alumni Association which exists to support and connect the alumni community throughout their lives.

### Loughburians benefit from:

- social events, such as reunions, to keep alumni in touch with each other and the School;
- sporting groups so alumni can continue to represent the School;
- the annual alumni magazine, social media feeds and the alumni website to keep Loughburians updated on news from each other and the School;
- mentoring, professional groups and networking events to support their careers;
- access to an online community where Loughburians can network with each other
- online events including the archives talk series.

The Association engages with the wider School community, including pupils, parents and staff, who are able to attend events. The Association is keen, in all it does, to promote the impact of its members on society and to encourage pupils and Loughburians to make a difference in the world.

To find out more, please visit [www.lsf.org/development/](http://www.lsf.org/development/)





# Our landmark history

Loughborough Grammar School is one of the country's oldest boys schools. After Thomas Burton, a prosperous local wool merchant, bequeathed his estate to priests in Loughborough, they founded the School in 1495.



Proven by the past

Always looking forward



Originally housed in the town's Parish Church, the School moved to its present location in 1852 and these buildings were Grade II listed in the 1980s. The School celebrated its 500th anniversary in 1995, when HM Queen Elizabeth II opened the new English block, the "Queen's Building". Classroom facilities have been significantly enhanced in the last decade by the construction of a state-of-the-art Science Park. A new Astro pitch and outdoor cricket nets were added to the Grammar School campus in 2019.

**Loughborough High School** was founded in 1850 and is believed to be one of the country's oldest grammar schools for girls. When Loughborough Grammar School moved in 1852, it had become more socially acceptable to educate women and so the Foundation was extended to include girls and Loughborough High School. It moved to its current site in 1869. The buildings include 19th Century school buildings, converted houses and later additions from the 1960s onwards. In 2010, the science building was refurbished and extended with four new laboratories. The School celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2000 with a visit by HRH The Princess Royal.

Originally founded in 1929 as part of Loughborough High School, **Fairfield Prep School** became an autonomous school within the Foundation in 1969. The School's oldest building, Fairfield House, known as the White House, was built in 1823 by a family of influential hosiery manufacturers and later bequeathed to the School. In 2016, impressive new classrooms and performance facilities were opened which has provided extra space from which all pupils are now benefiting. An additional room and outdoor play facilities were added to the Kindergarten in 2020.

In 1841, Lady Mary Arundell opened a small girls' school in Paget House, Loughborough and persuaded Blessed Antonio Rosmini (1798-1855) to send religious sisters from Italy to set up a convent. In 1843, Sister Mary Francesca Parea and Sister Mary Anastasia Somonini took over and Our Lady's Convent School opened in 1850 with the beautiful Convent building and Chapel at its core (designed by Charles Hansom who was influenced by Augustus Pugin). In 2015, the School joined the Foundation and in 2016, **Loughborough Nursery** was opened on the Amherst campus. In 2018, the School rebranded to **Loughborough Amherst School** and became co-educational from 4 - 18 years in 2019.

In 2006, the building housing **Loughborough Schools Music** was opened to serve the musical needs of all pupils' across all four Schools, from Pre-Prep to Sixth Form. In 2019, the **Parkin Sports Centre** was opened for High School and Amherst School students. This impressive new sports facility includes a sports hall, gymnasium and dance studio.







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